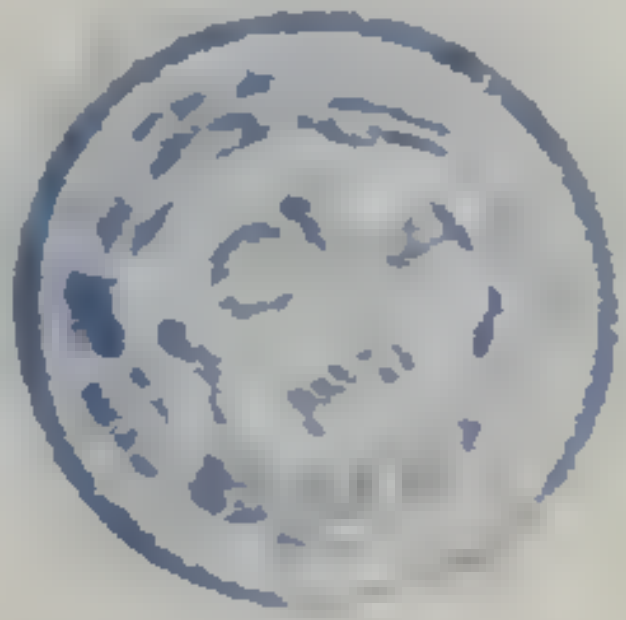

Pat V. Provenza
203 Zurata Ave.
St. Augustine, Fla.

7-9-62

Dear Mr. Newman

I am writing to you in regards to an inquiry I made of Dr. C. Stefanelli, concerning the piece of which I have enclosed a rubbing of. Dr. Stefanelli gave me your address and informed me that you would have more specific information on the piece and the Company in New Jersey who had them made, I would appreciate this information from you. I was rather excited about finding this piece, since it was so sharply struck and struck in silver, the thrill of discovering an authentic piece is the goal

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July 12,1962

MissPat V.Provenza
203 Loratoa Ave.,
St.Augustine,Florida

Dear Miss Provenza:

Your letter of July 9,1962 directed to us at the suggestion of Smithsonian Institution is at hand. The rubbing which you enclosed is that of a modern copy of a non-existent coin. These were made about three years ago but the source I do not know. There is no Confederate dime and this is an attempt to make one for sales purpose.

This society attempts to answer inquiries with respect to the history of items in American Numismatics and also examines coins for the purpose of classification and genuineness.

Our primary function is numismatic education through the encouragement of research and writing on subjects which need clarification/.

As yet we have no membership set up,but have received donations and cooperation from others and look forward to anyone volutee~~ring~~ to do work in cooperation with us.

Please excuse this typing as our secretary is on vacation.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman, Pres.

Pat V. Provenza
203 Zoratoa Ave.
St. Augustine, Fla.

9/22/62

Dear Mr. Newman

I have your letter of July 12th at hand, I was very pleased to hear from you and I appreciate the information you gave, concerning the 1/10 piece, understanding among collectors is the salvation of a hobby. It is a wonderful and rewarding achievement that your Society is doing. Any information I have concerning Florida numismatic and philatelic items is available to your society. Please accept the enclosed piece of scrip with my compliments, I've never seen

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July 25, 1962

Mr. Patrick V. Provenza
203 Loratoa Avenue
St. Augustine, Florida

Dear Mr. Provenza:

Now that I know your name is Patrick I will not make a mistake as I previously did in writing to you.

Thank you for the little piece of scrip and even though it is in rather poor condition it will fit into the collection.

We would be very pleased to receive a set of the Spuds Florida Turpentine Tokens and would like to know what we can send you in exchange. Unfortunately, we do not have duplicates of any Florida numismatic items other than the most common.

Would you have any duplicates of the Florida banknotes or Civil War issues? as our collection is far from complete on these items.

Thank you for the nice comments concerning the work which we sponsor.

We will have a book coming out on the 1804 Dollar, in August, which will be published by the Whitman Publishing Company.

I am enclosing a reprint of an article concerning what was at one time known as the Florida Token and hope that it will be of interest to you.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

Pat V. Provenza
203 Zurutoa Ave.
St. Augustine, Fla.

July 28, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman

I have your letter of the 26th at hand, was very pleased to hear from you and many thanks for the reprint article on the 1/24 real, I don't understand why they still list it as a Florida Plantation token, in Red Book.

The enclosed set of Spuds Fla. Commissary tokens are with my compliments, they are interesting in so much, as they were used for about ten years by a Grocery store in Elkton, after the Commissary closed down, They were given out as change to the workers in the Potatoe fields.

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Could you identify the two tokens I have enclosed, I've had these for some time and would be interested in knowing what they are.

Concerning Obsolete & Civil War currency of Florida, I have several 1861, 62 & 63 duplicates, I do know of an accumulation of Fla. Obsolete and Civil War notes that are for sale they consist of Criswell Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 8A, 9, 9A, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22A, 25 poor 26, ~~26~~, 30B, 33, 35, 37, 41, also $5 Ty 1 $5 Ty 2 & $10 Bank of St. Johns Jacksonville Fla., $300 Tallahassee R.R. Street of Bank of Jacksonville Fla, $5 Bank of West Fla. Apalach. there are also duplicates, the notes range from Good to crisp unc. if you are interested in these, I'll negotiate for them. Let me know what you have in Fla. numismatic items.

Good luck

Pat Hovenga

August 3, 1962

Mr. Pat V. Provenza
203 Zoratoa Avenue
St. Augustine, Florida

Dear Mr.Provenza:

Thank you for your nice letter of July 28.

The Commissary tokens will go into our collection.

The two tokens you sent for identification are returned herewith. I can only guessthat the one is an English gambling token, or counter, or club membership. The other item I am unfamiliar with and have no guess.

Our collection has Crisswell numbers:

2, 3B, 4, 5, 6, 7A, 8A, 9A, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 28, 30, 32, 34, 37, 39, 41, 42, and 43.

We used to have the single signature fractional notes but they were destroyed. We have duplicates of 8A, 20 and 37, one of which is in poor condition, I amenclosing for your benefit.

As you can see, it would not be worth while to try to get the other collection although it is nice of you to be willing to try.

Are the two duplicates we have already in your collection? Please let me know what your duplicates are. I think I have a duplicate of the $5 Bank of St. John's.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

EPN/atb

Pat V. Provenza
203 Zorutoa Ave.
St. Augustine, Fla.

8/3/62

Dear Mr. Newman

I have just ~~come~~ across a party who had the enclosed note, since it is relative to your area, I thought I would send it along for your examination, it's been offered to me for $15.00, I'm strictly Florida, if you can use it, I'll make the deal for you.

Sincerely

Pat

August 7, 1962

Mr. Pat V. Provenza
203 Zoratoa Avenue
St. Augustine, Florida

Dear Mr. Provenza:

I am returning the advertisement of the North Missouri Railroad which you sent me in your letter of August 3, 1962 as we have several of these of different types at hand and the price which your friend asks is quite out of line, in my opinion.

Thank you, however, for thinking of me in this regard as one can never tell when you willturn up something which is unusual and worth while.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

Pat V. Provenza
203 Zurutoa Ave.
St. Augustine, Fla.

8/9/62

Dear Mr. Newman

Received your nice letter of Aug. 3. with $3 note enclosed #37, I have some nice examples of this note so am enclosing it herewith. Enclosed you will find a Shrimp Producers Token of St. Augustine, used in the early twenties and early thirties, it is for your Society collection, you may also have the 50¢ fractional with single signature.

I can use the $5 Bank of St. John, if you can send it on, I have the $10 & $20 St. John.

My other duplicates are all notes that you have -

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August 20, 1962

Mr. P.V. Provenza
203 Zoratoa Avenue
St.Augustine, Florida

Dear Mr. Provenza:

$5 Bank of St.John's enclosed

as per your request.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

Pat V. Provenza
203 Zurtoa Ave.
St. Augustine, Fla.

9/4/62

Dear Mr. Newman

Received your note with $5 Bank of St. Johns enclosed, many thanks.

Please accept the two notes enclosed, I hope they are of some interest.

Would you know where I could get the Florida State notes of 1865, $50, $100 & $500?

Mr. Newman do you recognize famous signatures? Occasionally I come across signatures, but am at loss to authenticate

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them.

Where would you suggest I get some good references on foreign medals, Russian French, German & Italian?

Sincerely

Jas. R. Stoeckyn